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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3316

INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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PASS AID/WASHINGTON

FOR THE SECRETARY

PLEASE PASS TO DEPUTY SECY ROBINSON

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID ZA US

SUBJECT: MINISTER'S INQUIRY ON US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA

1. MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION MONZE
PHONED AMBASSADOR MAY 3 TO INQUIRE AS TO TERMS OF A
POSSIBLE COMMODITY IMPORT PROGRAM LOAN IN CONNECTION WITH
PROPOSED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA. SHE ALSO INQUIRED
IF WHEAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IN ANY PL 480 TITLE II PROGRAM
AS PART OF A BROADER AID PACKAGE.

2. MONZE ASSUMED THAT THE CIP INTEREST RATES WOULD
PROBABLY FOLLOW THOSE OF ZAMBIA PROGRAM LOAN OF 1973,
THAT IS, 2 PERCENT FOR FIRST 10 YEARS AND 3 PERCENT
THEREAFTER. WE SAID QUESTION WOULD OF COURSE BE SUBJECT
TO NEGOTIATION WHEN TALKS MOVED AHEAD. MEANWHILE WE WOULD
SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM AID/W. ALSO NOTED THAT ENTIRE
QUESTION OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA AND OTHER
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AFRICAN COUNTRIES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO FULL-DRESS

REVIEW IN WASHINGTON UPON RETURN OF SECY KISSINGER
AND DEPUTY SECY ROBINSON FROM THEIR AFRICAN
TRIP. MONZE SAID GRZ ALSO STILL WORKING OUT DETAILS
OF ITS OWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE CASE AS PRES KAUNDA TOLD
SECY IN THEIR MEETING AT STATE HOUSE ON APR 27.

3. AS FOR PL 480 ASSISTANCE, WE SAID FOOD FOR PEACE
EXPERT FROM DAR (PODOL) WOULD BE VISITING LUSAKA
MAY 17-19 IN RESPONSE TO MINISTER'S REQUEST FOR
EXPLORATORY TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND QUESTION OF WHEAT
AVAILABILITIES UNDER THIS PROGRAM COULD BE RAISED THEN.
HOWEVER, WE EXPRESSED DOUBTS WHEAT INCLUDED IN PROGRAM,
NOTING THAT DRY MILK, CORNMEAL, COOKING OIL AND CORN SOYA
HIGH PROTEIN MIX MORE LIKELY COMMODITIES AVAILABLE. SHE
ASKED THAT HER QUESTIONS BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON FOR
REPLY WHICH WE AGREED TO DO.

4. MINISTER MONZE EXPECTS DEPART SOON FOR UNCTAD IV
MEETING IN NAIROBI AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING DEPUTY SECY
ROBINSON WHOM SHE REGRETTABLY MISSED DURING HIS VISIT TO
LUSAKA.
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